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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	EP 0 470 781	February 1992	EUROPE				
	WO 02/50197	June 2002	WIPO				
	WO 99/33510	July 1999	WIPO				

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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